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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT

: Proposed Pay Increase Legislation

- 1. This Office has recently reviewed H. R. 7430 proposing a general salary increase for classified employees, and H. R. 7372 proposing cost-of-living increases. While we agree with your comment that these bills are unlikely to receive serious consideration, we would suggest that the Agency generally take a position in favor of any pay increases proposed. We are particularly interested in insuring that Agency employees be specifically included in any increase authorized except by amendment to the Classification Act of 1949, as amended. In the event of an increase resulting from amendment of the Classification Act which would have retroactive application, we would, of course, require special authority to apply the increase retroactively.
- 2. We will not comment formally to your Office on additional pay increase proposals until receipt of one which seems likely to be given serious consideration.

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